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SUBJECT: FAISAL IN EGYPT

1. KING FEISAL'S NINE DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO EGYPT SEEMS TO BE GOING WELL. HE HAS ATTRACTED GOOD CROWDS IN CAIRO, ALEXANDRIA, AND ON THE NOW STANDARD TRAIN ROUTE THROUGH THE DELTA. ASU HAS SET UP BANNERS AND PICTURES, PRESS COVERAGE IS EXTENSIVE, AND CAIRO RADIO PEPPERS ITS COMMENTARIES WITH MORE "HIS MAJESTY'S" THAN OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES CAN REMEMBER SINCE THE DEPIRTURE OF KING GAROUK. WE HAVE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT FAISAL AND SADAT IN THEIR PUBLIC APPEARANCES APPEAR RATHER WTODEN; WE UNDERSTAND THE KING HAS FELT THE AUGUST HEAT, ESPECIALLY IN THE OPEN CAR MOTORCADES AND THE SCORCHING DESERT OF THE CANAL ZONE.

2. CAIRO PRESS REPORTS AUGUST 2 THAT OMAR SAQQAF ARRIVES IN CAIRO TODAY AND WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO ALEXANDRIA TO JOIN OFFICIAL PARTY.

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3. NEEDLESS TO SAY, EVERYONE HERE HAS HIS EARS COCKED FOR
DEFINITIVE SAUDI STATEMENT OF POSITION ON GOE/PLO SPAT AND
SUMMIT POSTPONEMENT. WE

NOTE AFP REPORT FROM BEIRUT AUGUST 1
INTERPRETING KING'S REMARKS WEDNESDAY AT CANAL AS APPROVAL
OF SADAT'S POLICY VIS A VIS PALESTINIANS. IN OUR VIEW THIS IS
IN ERROR, SINCE, ACCORDING TO FULL TEXT AS PRINTED IN
GUMHIRIYYA, KING WAS TALKING EXCLUSIVELY ABOUT OCTOBER WAR.
IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS INTERESTING THAT CAIRO'S VOICE
OF PALESTINE HAS NOT YET MENTIONED PRESENCE OF KING FAISAL
IN EGYPT, CONCENTRATING ITS VENOM INSTEAD ON HASSEMITES KING'S

ZIONIST PLOTS TO LIQUIDATE THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE.
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